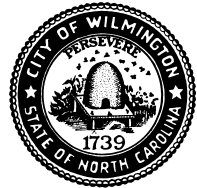




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City Council Meetings

City Council meetings are generally held on the
first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
and are open to the public. There is time for public
information at each Council meeting; interested
persons can sign up to speak for up to five minutes
by filling out a form at the City Clerk's Office located
in City Hall. Requests will be taken until noon the day
before the meeting. Meetings are held in City Council
Chambers, located on the second floor of City Hall at
102 N. Third Street. Agendas for upcoming meetings
are posted on the city web site at
www.wilmingtonnc.gov

City Council Meetings on GTV8

Council meetings are broadcast live on GTV8,
the City Channel on Timewarner Cable. Council
meetings are replayed at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. on
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the week of the
meeting, as well as 11:30 p.m. the following week.

This Week From City Hall

You can catch a summary of City events and
activities on GTV8's "This Week From City Hall,"
airing twice daily at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., beginning
the Friday evening after every Council meeting. For
questions about programming on GTV8, contact
Station Manager Dylan Lee at 341-4675.

GTV8 online

City Council meetings, Planning Commission
meetings, "This Week From City Hall," and all
other GTV8 programming can be found on the
City's website, live or on-demand. From the front
page, simply click on "online videos." Then, select
the program you want to watch. If you are looking
for a particular Council meeting agenda item, you
can select the item from a drop-down menu after
choosing your desired meeting date. You can also
do a keyword search for the item. Windows Media
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Got a minute?

We'd love to hear from you...
Let us know what you think
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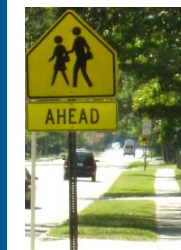
Making it safer to get to school

The city has made it safer and easier for students
to walk or bicycle to school by installing side-
walks and multi-use paths at several local schools
this summer. City projects completed this summer
total approximately \$44,000.

Bradley Creek Elementary

The city has just completed a 200-foot walkway
from Kingston Road to the rear of the school so
students from the area will not have to walk along
Greenville Loop Road.

In addition, the state has awarded the city \$211,800
for improvements at Bradley Creek Elementary as
part of the Safe Routes to School program.



The program will include the
construction of a 3100-foot
sidewalk along Greenville Loop
Road from the Greenville Village
mobile home park to the front of
the school. An improved
pedestrian crossing and new
bicycle rack are also planned.



Completed sidewalk on Princess Place Drive

Holly Tree Elementary School

Also this summer, the city constructed a 360-foot
sidewalk along Greenhowe Drive between Bragg
Drive and Kirby Smith Drive. This sidewalk
connects the existing sidewalk along Greenhowe
Drive to new crosswalks and bicycle lanes on Kirby
Smith Drive, making a pathway for neighborhood
students to get to the school.

Rachel Freeman Elementary School

An 800-foot section of sidewalk along Princess
Place Drive was constructed to connect Freeman
Elementary School with 30th Street. Prior to its
installation, students had to walk on the very edge
of the road or in the road, making it unsafe when
going to school.

City Golf Course improvements



A short-game practice area has been installed next
to the #9 fairway at the Municipal Golf Course. The
practice area will open in late September. The #8
green has also been refurbished and enlarged and
the clubhouse is getting a facelift.

For more information, call 791-0558.





Open House Saturday, September 27, 11 am

New Seagate fire station opens

The new Seagate Fire Station, located at 6102 Oleander Drive, will hold an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, September 27. The open house will feature station tours and free on-site child safety seat checks from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The ribbon cutting will take place at noon.

Construction of the 8,300-square-foot station allows the city to better serve residents in the annexed areas and maintain its Class 2 rating, which reflects both superior equipment and manpower, as well as quick response times to fires.

The \$3.3 million project was completed on time and on budget.

Did you know?

The Wilmington Fire Department has:

- Annual budget of \$14.3 million
- 11 fire stations throughout the city
- 224 personnel
- 16 large and small fire trucks
- 2 fire boats

The department also offers babysitter training, car seat safety checks and home fire prevention classes.



Bond projects Splash Pad, Maides Park, and more

Improvements to parks and facilities continue as the city moves forward with projects funded by the 2006 Parks and Greenspace Bond. Following is an update on some of the projects underway:

Splash Pad

Renovations to the North Side pool bathroom facilities and creation of the Northside Splash Pad have been completed. The \$400,000 project, funded by the 2006 Parks and Greenspace Bond, was completed under budget. This is the first Splash Pad in New Hanover County.

The Splash Pad is open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. until October and then will reopen in April. There is no admission fee.



Newly opened Northside Splash Pad

ADA Improvements

The city recently completed upgrades to several city parks to make them more handicapped accessible. Cameron Park, Sunset and Adams Park, Southgate Park and Hanover Heights Park are among the parks that have had wide sidewalks added for easier access to playgrounds, shelters and other park amenities.

The most recent parks to receive upgrades are Beaumont (off Wayne Drive), Bicentennial (off 5th Avenue) and Tower (10th and Wooster Streets). The Greenfield Park Fragrance Garden gazebo has also been upgraded to meet federal handicap accessibility standards. In addition, Tower Park received upgrades to fencing, basketball goals, lights and seating, as well as landscape upgrades.



Cross-City Trail

The first segment of the Cross-City Trail along Eastwood Road between Military Cutoff Road and Cardinal Drive was opened in August.

The Cross-City Trail, which is partially bond funded, will eventually become a 10-mile long multi-use trail extending from the new Bethel Road Park to the draw bridge at Wrightsville Beach. It will provide bicycle and pedestrian access to shopping facilities and recreational, cultural and educational destinations.

Maides Park

Maides Park is currently under renovation and on schedule to reopen next spring. A 1,300-square-foot addition is being constructed, along with a new parking lot and walking trail. The \$1.35 million project is mostly funded by the Parks Bond. Improvements include expansion of the Derick G.S. Davis Recreation Center, picnic shelters, walking trails, improved parking and security. A shelter/restroom facility and athletic field lighting have already been completed.

Layout of walking trail through oak trees at Maides Park.

New authority now collects Stormwater, Solid Waste fees for city

On July 1, 2008, the City of Wilmington and New Hanover County merged their water and sewer system to create the Cape Fear Public Utility Authority (CFPUA).

CFPUA is an independent, local government entity formed to more efficiently and effectively provide water and sewer service to city and county residents.

Although the city's Stormwater and Solid Waste services were not part of the CFPUA merger, stormwater and solid waste fees are now being billed and collected bi-monthly by the authority.



Rates have not changed and citizens do not need to do anything differently; the authority is sending out bills to city customers.

For more information contact:
Cape Fear Public Utility Authority
910.332.6550.

Debris removal tips

Heavy winds during the hurricane season often result in yard debris such as fallen trees and tree limbs. Please remember:

- Yard waste is collected the same day as your trash pickup. Items should be curbside on pickup day by 7:30 a.m.
- Limbs for pickup may be no longer than four feet and no more than 6 inches across.
- City crews pick up trees only in public areas such as streets. Property owners are responsible for tree removal on private property.

- Burning debris is not allowed.
- Place debris along the curb away from mailboxes, fire hydrants, stormwater drains, etc.
- Separate vegetative debris from household debris (roof shingles, etc).
- Small debris such as leaves and pine cones should be placed in containers or bags.

For more information contact:
Solid Waste 341.7875

Senior programs

The city provides senior programs for adults 55 and older to provide seniors the opportunity for social interaction combined with physical activity. Programs range from tennis to golf, ceramics, bocce ball, basketball and a wide variety of day trips. Upcoming special events include a Senior Fun Day on September 30.

For a complete program schedule and more information, contact Tiffany Lesley, Recreation Coordinator for Senior Programs, at 341-7253, or visit the city's website. For Senior Golf Association information, contact the Association president at 270-2460.



Senior Basketball, Martin Luther King Center
Pictured: L to R: Bob Helm, Teddy Johnson, John Bellamy, and Dave Sorensen



Greenfield Lake gets a cleanup

What happens to litter? In a city like Wilmington, chances are good that it ends up in our waterways. Litter can entangle and choke wildlife, add toxic chemicals to the water, and cause flooding by preventing stormwater runoff from draining properly.

On Saturday, September 27th, hundreds of volunteers will gather for Big Sweep, an annual statewide cleanup of our waterways. The cleanup will start at 9 a.m. at several locations in our area, including the city's Greenfield Lake. Volunteers are needed and are asked to meet at the Greenfield Lake Boathouse at 9 a.m. Refreshments will be provided and prizes will given for the most unusual item found and the most trash collected by an individual or group. Please come prepared to be outdoors and wear sturdy closed-toe shoes and clothes that can get dirty.

For more information, visit:
www.ncbigssweep.org.

Did you know?

In Wilmington, stormwater runoff flows untreated into our creeks and waterways through a complex, interconnected system of pipes, ditches, and creeks, including approximately:

- 9,000 catch basins and manholes
- 220 miles of pipe
- 200 miles of open drainage (ditches, creeks, and channels)
- 145 acres of retention ponds
- 12 miles of culverts under roads
- Greenfield Lake
- Love Grove Tidegates

